

August 13, 2008

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The Torrance Cable Television Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at 7:04 p.m. in the Torrance Community Television Studio located in the Stanley E. Remelmeyer Telecommunications Center.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Commissioners: Barnard, Carlson, Haussmann, Korman, Perkins, Nishinaga, and Chair Sunshine

**Also Present:** Cindy Hibbard, Secretary  
Don Fefie, TCtv Coordinator  
Michael D. Smith, Cable & Community Relations Manager

**Excused:** None

**Absent:** None

**3. FLAG SALUTE:**

Commissioner Nishinaga led the salute to the flag.

**4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Carlson moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Barnard, carried with an aye vote.*

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS - NONE**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) July 9, 2008

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the minutes of July 9, 2008. This motion seconded by Commissioner Perkins, motion carried with an aye vote.*

**7. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:**

A) Community Matters – NONE

**B) Committee Reports - NONE**

**C) Report of the Community Television Center**

- 1) **July, 2008** –Coordinator Fefie discussed statistics for the month. He highlighted 19 new programs were completed with 31 programs bicycled. He also noted studio usage was at 28%, field camera check-outs for the DV Field Camcorders were at 51%. Post-production usage had to 69% compared to 32% same time last year. 5 Users graduated from the Field and Post-Production Workshop, while 1 graduated from Pre Production Planning. The studio cyclorama curtain was replaced due to wear and tear while two new field camera and lights kits were placed into service. 1 "It's Your TV Brochures" was mailed.

Brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Perkins moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Report for July 2008. This motion seconded by Commissioner Nishinaga, motion carried with aye vote.*

**D) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities**

Manager Smith reported Time Warner Cable has placed an order for more than \$2 million of video-on-demand equipment from Concurrent Computer for the MSO's San Diego and Los Angeles markets where the operator is planning to launch its popular Start Over service. Time Warner Cable today announced that Julie Laine has been promoted to Group Vice President, Regulatory. She will continue to report to Marc Lawrence-Apfelbaum, Executive Vice President and General Counsel. Laine will be responsible for legal and regulatory matters relating to Time Warner Cable's video, voice and data services. In this role, Julie will also work closely with Time Warner Cable's Washington, D.C. public policy office.

In the three months ended June 30, the telco reported net adds of 176,000 FiOS video subscribers, down from the 225,000-280,000 analysts projected and barely up from a gain of 167,000 in the same quarter a year earlier. Verizon finished the quarter with 1.382 million FiOS subscribers, up from 1.206 million in the first quarter of 2008 and up from 515,000 a year ago.

AT&T failed to convince a federal judge in Connecticut to vacate a legal precedent declaring that U-verse TV is a cable service.

The telecommunications company petitioned the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut to declare as moot that court's July 26, 2007, ruling striking down a finding by the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control from 2006.

On Wednesday, July 23, 2008 the President signed into law: H.R. 3403, the "New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act of 2008," which requires Voice over Internet Protocol service providers to: provide 911 service and Enhanced 911 service to their subscribers; interconnect with public safety answering points (PSAPs); and provide call location information to PSAP's.

Brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Korman moved to accept the Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities for July 2008. This motion seconded by Commissioner, Perkins motion carried with aye vote.*

**E) Old Business - NONE**

**F) New Business**

- 1) A recommendation from the Cable & Community Relations Manager that the Chairperson appoint a new member and chairman to the Producer Incentive Committee.

**APPOINTMENT:** *Chairman Sunshine appointed Commissioner Nishinaga as a member and Chairman Producer Incentive Committee.*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Carlson moved to support the appointments, this motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnard, carried with an aye vote.*

**G) ADDENDUM MATTERS - NONE**

**8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A) Coordinator Fefie stated he is very excited about serving TCtv in the new season.
- B) Manager Smith announced the upcoming release of a citywide calendar on the city's website. The calendar will serve as a clearinghouse for all activities and events in Torrance. Initially filled with city based events, it will soon be expanded to all Torrance based non profit groups and organizations.
- C) Commissioner Barnard expressed concerns regarding the upgrade work being conducted by Time Warner Cable in the Torrance community. She expressed concern specifically about those subscribing to telephone service while service was out for extended period of time thus placing those subscribers at risk in the event they need emergency services.
- D) Commissioner Carlson wished his wife happy birthday.
- E) Commissioner Haussmann stated today was Alfred Hitchcock birthday. If he were alive today he would be 109 years old.
- F) Commissioner Korman extended an invitation to all for the annual Torrance Symphony Concert in the Park, August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- G) Commissioner Korman also stated she and her husband had great time at the Back to TCtv BBQ earlier this month.
- H) Commissioner Perkins congratulated Don Fefie on his appointment as TCtv Coordinator.
- I) Chairman Sunshine stated he really enjoyed the annual "Back to TCtv BBQ" on August 1<sup>st</sup>, and he offered to serve as the official Bar-B-Quer.
- J) Chairman Sunshine also congratulated Don Fefie on his appointment as TCtv Coordinator.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Nishinaga adjourned the meeting of August 13, 2008 to reconvene on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith  
Cable & Community Relations Manager